

SEEKING A RESEARCH ASSISTANT

The [Advancing Relational Thinking Lab](#) is seeking an enthusiastic **Research Assistant** to work on a funded research project investigating leading the contemporary Steiner school in Australia. The successful candidate will work closely with [A/Prof Scott Eacott](#) on the project.

The Steiner Education Australia Leadership (SEAL) Project: Phase 1

This project represents the next stage in an ongoing partnership between A/Prof Eacott and Steiner Education Australia (SEA). Following a 2020 presentation at SEA's Governance, Leadership and Management (GLaM) conference – [From MySchool to Our School](#) – and the provision of access to the [School Leadership Reflection Manual](#) – this research is for the first part of a two-phase study seeking to develop a comprehensive overview of what it means to lead the contemporary SEA affiliated school.

Phase 1 involves online interviews (conducted using MSTeams) with the principal (or equivalent) at SEA affiliated schools throughout Australia. Participant recruitment is intended to begin in March, with data generation taking place between March and May.

The deliverable from the project is a **Discussion Paper** for the sponsor (draft due to sponsor in June 2021, and the final version submitted in July 2021). The intent of the Discussion Paper is to stimulate national dialogue and debate on the present and future of Steiner schools. This research represents the next step in an important journey for SEA and affiliated schools in defining what success looks like in their contexts.

The Research Assistant Role

Working closely with A/Prof Eacott, this Research Assistant role will focus on four key tasks: i) the recruitment of participants and scheduling of research interviews; ii) data cleaning of interview transcripts from MSTeams; iii) initial analysis of transcripts (working with the [relational](#) approach); and iv) the formatting and production of the Discussion Paper for the sponsor.

The ideal candidate:

Currently, there is funding for approximately 100 hours at HEW Level 4 Step 1. Due to the time sensitive nature of the project, A/Prof Eacott will start looking at applications from **01 March 2021** until the position is filled. The ideal candidate will have:

- A bachelor's degree, or higher, in education, the social sciences, or other related fields.
- Previous experience with empirical social science research, including for example, data cleaning, data analysis, report writing, and overall project management.
- Preference would be given to candidates with a working knowledge of (or willingness to work with) Eacott's [relational approach](#).
- Excellent time management, data management, and interpersonal skills.
- Evidence of well-developed verbal and written communication skills.

If you have any queries about the positions, please contact [A/Prof Scott Eacott](#).

To submit an application, send your short CV (no more than 2 pages) and a cover letter (no more than 1 page) to s.eacott@unsw.edu.au